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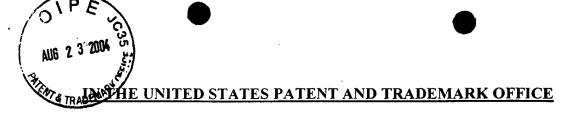
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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action (Paper No. 8) dated April 21, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.